



Memorandum

Date: July 7, 1998

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: July BDAC Meeting

The next meeting of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 16-17, 1998 at the Oakland Airport Hilton Hotel. As you have previously been notified, we were forced on short notice to change the Bay Area location of the July meeting. Due to a major computer convention being held that week in the Silicon Valley, we were unable to find hotel accommodations anywhere in the San Jose area.

At this meeting we will be asking BDAC members to provide feedback and advice to the CALFED staff on the evolving framework document, which Stein Buer presented to you in Fresno. The CALFED staff were appreciative of the quality of your comments at the Fresno meeting. As a result of your feedback, and comments from CALFED agencies, we have generated another revision of that document, which is included in your packet. Please read through the document carefully, and be prepared to provide CALFED staff with further comments and feedback.

In addition, Stein Buer will facilitate a detailed review of the Stage I actions as they have been defined to date. Because of the evolving critical importance of these two documents, we will be devoting all of Thursday morning to discussion of both the framework and the Stage I action list. Please be prepared to offer feedback on both how CALFED is characterizing its staged approach to Program implementation, as well as specific feedback on the actions identified for Stage I of the Program.

During our lunch break on Thursday we will have a short presentation by Dr. Raymond Seed, Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at U.C. Berkeley on the CALFED work to date examining the seismic vulnerability of the Delta levees. This should prove to be an interesting presentation.

On Thursday afternoon, we will be presenting the work to date on identifying sources and types of funding for the CALFED Program. We will be highlighting financing mechanisms for selected specific Stage I actions, and will be seeking BDAC feedback on how to apply the CALFED finance principles to specific Program actions.

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

In addition, on Thursday afternoon, BDAC members will hear from a small panel of representatives of both the local and statewide business community who will be providing their perspectives on the CALFED Program.

On Friday morning, BDAC members will be briefed on the findings from the expert fisheries panel who were charged with looking closely at the effects of Delta diversions on Delta fisheries. Their draft report is included your packet.

Finally, our meeting will close with a panel convened by the Environmental Water Caucus, which will provide BDAC members with environmental perspectives on the health of the San Francisco Bay, its aquatic and terrestrial resources, and its links to the overall health of the Delta.

Of interest to BDAC members and the public will be a viewing of an overview of a documentary produced by KVIE, Channel 6 (Sacramento) entitled *Setting A Course For The California Bay Delta*. The hour-long documentary was aired in Sacramento on July 6 and will be released to other viewing areas next week. We will show a 15-minute overview at breaks at the BDAC meeting. Viewer's Guides will also be available.

In your packet you will also find a copy of the CALFED Conservation Strategy, which is currently being developed with significant stakeholder input. CALFED staff will provide BDAC with a full briefing on the strategy at the next BDAC meeting in September.

A summary of the number of proposals received by the Restoration Coordination Program under the May 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package will be available at the meeting. CALFED staff will provide a full briefing on the proposals and the results of the technical review at the September BDAC meeting.

Once again, let me express my appreciation for your tireless participation and contributions to the CALFED effort. As we draw close to selecting a program, please bear in mind the CALFED mission statement and the solution principles which you helped to develop. Your advice to the CALFED agencies will help to ensure that we have developed a program which all Californians can support with confidence.

Your meeting packet includes the following:

- Draft agenda
- June meeting summary
- Revised paper on "Selecting a Preferred Alternative" and Stage I actions
- Conservation Strategy
- Memo on Seismic Vulnerability presentation
- Work Group Summaries:
 - Ecosystem Restoration Work Group
 - Assurances
 - Ecosystem Roundtable